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ABSTRACT

This Department of Education (ED) Tabulation presents a wide range of data on patterns of stopping out and dropping out from postsecondary education (PE) that 1972, 1980, and 1982 high school graduates experienced. The data compare how these respective cohorts differ by examining the percentage who attend continuously; they also describe patterns of stopout or dropout of PE by time of entry, educational outcome, and selected student characteristics. Data are displayed in six tables. Estimates in the first two tables were based on the National Longitudinal Study of 1972 high school seniors. Estimates in the third and fourth tables were based on the High School and Beyond 1980 senior cohort. Estimates in the fifth and sixth tables were based on the High School and Beyond 1980 sophomore cohort. Data elements used in this analysis for the 1980 senior and sophomore cohorts were drawn from the base year, and first through third follow-up surveys. Data for the 1972 senior cohort were drawn from the base year, first through fifth follow-ups, and PE transcript file. Students who delayed entry into PE were more likely to drop out than were those who entered immediately after high school graduation. The dropout rate was higher at 2-year institutions than at 4-year or less-than-2-year institutions; stopping out was more common at 2-year and 4-year institutions than at less-than-2-year institutions; males and females generally stopped out of PE at the same rate. The location of a few key statistics and their standard errors, and a discussion of technical notes and methodology are provided. (RLC)

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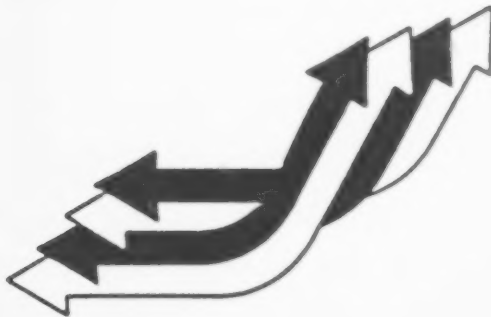
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Introduction

This E.D. Tabulation provides a wide range of data on patterns of stopping out and dropping out from postsecondary education that 1972, 1980, and 1982 high school graduates experienced. The data compare these respective cohorts of high school graduates by examining the percentage who attend continuously and describes patterns of stopout or dropout of postsecondary education by time of entry, educational outcome, and selected student characteristics.

Patterns of stopping out and dropping out

The following are among the major findings in this tabulation. Students who delayed entry into postsecondary education were more likely to drop out than those who entered immediately after high school graduation. The dropout rate was higher at 2-year institutions than at 4-year or less-than-2-year institutions; stopping out was more common at 2-year and 4-year institutions than at less-than-2-year institutions; males and females generally stopped out of postsecondary education at the same rate.

Source of data

Estimates in Tables 1 and 2 of this tabulation were based on the National Longitudinal Study of 1972 high school seniors (NLS-72). Estimates in Tables 3 and 4 were based on the High School and Beyond (HS&B) 1980 senior cohort. Estimates in Tables 5 and 6 were based on the High School and Beyond (HS&B) 1980 sophomore cohort. Data elements used in this analysis for the 1980 senior and sophomore cohorts were drawn from the base year, first follow-up, second follow-up, and third follow-up surveys. Data for the 1972 senior cohort were drawn from the base year, first through the fifth follow-up surveys, and the postsecondary education transcript file.

For more information on the HS&B surveys, interested readers should consult *High School and Beyond 1980 Senior Cohort Third Follow-Up (1986) Data File User's Manual* (Sebring, P., et al, Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 1987) and the *High School and Beyond 1980 Sophomore Cohort Third Follow-Up (1986) Data File User's Manual* (Sebring, P., et al, Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 1987). For more information on the NLS-72 surveys, interested readers should consult *National Longitudinal Study of the High School Senior Class of 1972 Fifth Follow-Up (1986) Data File User's Manual* (Tourangeau, R., et al, Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 1987) and *National Longitudinal Study: Base Year (1972) through Fourth Follow-up (1979) Data File User's Manual*, Volume 1-3. (Ricobono, J., et al, Center for Education Research and Evaluation, Research Triangle, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 2709, 1981). For further details concerning the transcript data, interested readers should consult *National Longitudinal Study of the High School Senior Class of 1972 Postsecondary Education Transcript Study Data File User's Manual* (Jones, C., et al, Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 1986).

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Table 1. -- Percent of 1972 high school graduates stopping out, dropping out, and attending continuously through various outcomes, by type of institution and selected student characteristics

	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schi	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schi	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schi
TOTAL	13.16	41.98	34.87	4.29	5.70	32.22	33.14	24.68	2.47	7.49	26.61	22.50	49.08	1.80
Sex														
Male	13.88	43.36	35.58	2.16	5.03	31.62	33.38	25.00	2.04	7.97	26.16	20.92	50.96	1.96
Female	12.51	40.75	34.23	6.21	6.30	32.74	32.93	24.40	2.84	7.09	27.08	24.14	47.15	1.64
Race / ethnicity														
Hispanic	2.50	63.12	19.98	0.00	14.40	41.32	32.71	17.12	4.18	4.68	29.45	37.34	30.52	2.68
Asian	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	33.87	24.49	34.24	0.00	7.40	18.75	11.75	69.49	0.00
American Indian	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
Black	9.16	41.15	26.42	18.98	4.30	35.59	33.53	21.53	1.71	7.64	34.56	25.67	38.47	1.30
White	13.77	41.66	36.37	2.43	5.77	31.10	33.24	25.48	2.53	7.64	25.88	21.67	50.64	1.82
Hispanic subgroup														
Mexican	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	49.19	29.21	12.18	6.64	2.78	41.32	24.54	34.14	0.00
Cuban	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
Puerto Rican	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
Other Hispanic	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	35.11	34.32	22.98	0.00	7.59	16.95	53.59	24.68	4.78
Ability quartile														
Lower 25%	12.75	44.64	34.81	5.09	2.71	38.94	39.10	14.78	3.63	3.55	28.23	42.37	22.10	7.30
Middle 50%	12.78	41.96	36.53	1.91	6.82	35.54	30.32	24.31	2.70	7.14	27.83	27.68	42.94	1.55
Upper 25%	15.18	37.44	39.90	2.61	4.86	26.58	36.17	27.22	1.78	8.25	25.39	15.16	58.82	0.63
High school grades														
A	13.45	46.95	29.90	1.57	8.13	19.91	27.23	39.66	2.98	10.22	20.95	12.24	66.44	0.37
A to B	13.73	39.61	36.44	1.80	8.41	31.40	33.90	23.78	2.10	8.81	27.19	15.50	55.94	1.37
B	14.38	42.90	31.92	4.89	5.91	30.49	32.86	25.10	2.44	9.11	28.94	25.48	44.22	1.36
B to C	11.86	36.84	38.02	8.09	5.19	36.23	32.19	23.22	2.69	5.66	26.93	31.88	39.25	1.93
C	15.63	50.50	29.98	1.33	2.56	34.80	37.70	18.83	2.68	5.98	32.43	38.84	24.72	4.01
D	7.47	42.27	41.00	3.40	5.87	42.66	37.41	12.14	3.12	4.66	36.07	30.75	19.30	13.87

Table 1. -- Percent of 1972 high school graduates stopping out, dropping out, and attending continuously through various outcomes, by type of institution and selected student characteristics--continued

	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
High school grades (recoded)														
Mostly A	13.66	41.46	34.79	1.74	8.34	27.88	31.85	28.65	2.37	9.24	24.73	14.22	60.07	0.98
Mostly B	12.82	39.15	35.70	6.87	5.46	33.80	32.47	24.02	2.58	7.12	28.00	28.48	41.89	1.63
Mostly C	15.63	50.50	29.98	1.33	2.56	34.80	37.70	18.83	2.68	5.98	32.43	38.84	24.72	4.01
Less than C	7.47	42.27	41.00	3.40	5.87	42.66	37.41	12.14	3.12	4.66	36.07	30.75	19.30	13.87
High school program														
General	13.10	38.95	33.36	7.99	6.59	35.89	34.27	20.43	2.39	7.03	29.19	30.94	36.86	3.01
Academic	14.52	39.01	38.65	2.44	5.39	28.41	30.29	29.35	2.27	9.67	26.31	16.84	56.24	0.62
Vocational / technical	11.01	50.96	30.73	2.30	4.99	35.98	38.84	19.71	3.20	2.27	22.51	46.06	23.26	
8.17														
Handicap status														
Not handicapped	13.00	42.26	35.28	4.46	5.00	32.78	33.21	24.57	2.49	6.95	26.38	22.48	49.37	1.77
Handicapped	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	55.35	17.33	15.23	6.76	5.33	10.97	35.09	49.40	4.54
PSE plans														
No plans for PSE	11.71	42.88	35.61	1.33	8.46	36.64	39.77	10.93	7.81	4.85	31.09	42.41	21.44	5.06
Vocational / technical	10.68	45.32	37.16	1.99	4.84	38.50	40.35	15.46	2.75	2.94	21.11	50.26	16.73	11.90
2 year college	9.76	29.68	57.53	1.43	1.61	32.90	28.53	31.57	0.87	6.14	21.79	35.76	38.93	3.52
4 year college	19.69	40.01	31.72	3.48	5.10	31.21	29.49	27.75	2.18	9.37	26.53	18.84	54.02	0.61
Advanced degree	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M
PSE plans (recoded)														
No plans for PSE	11.71	42.88	35.61	1.33	8.46	36.64	39.77	10.93	7.81	4.85	31.09	42.41	21.44	5.06
Voc / tech or 2 yr coll	13.49	41.12	38.59	2.39	4.41	33.25	31.39	26.50	1.87	7.00	25.48	23.72	48.78	2.02
4 yr coll / adv degree	18.70	41.44	27.58	3.88	8.40	28.37	34.86	22.42	2.97	11.38	26.50	10.17	62.54	0.79
SES quartile														
Lower 25%	11.94	50.70	30.28	2.42	4.66	34.54	33.32	23.38	3.42	5.34	25.22	34.91	36.87	3.00
Middle 50%	12.68	38.71	37.80	5.54	5.27	32.41	33.10	26.35	2.51	5.63	28.50	24.00	45.23	2.28
Upper 25%	15.74	40.55	32.55	3.21	7.95	30.52	33.05	22.61	1.83	12.00	24.98	16.90	57.22	0.90

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	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
Parents' highest education														
Less than high sch	13.88	44.76	33.25	1.13	6.98	36.00	32.30	24.63	2.72	4.35	32.10	30.62	34.73	2.54
High school only	10.52	42.07	35.62	7.83	3.95	29.31	36.84	26.06	3.04	4.75	23.45	28.25	45.10	3.19
Some college	11.79	44.10	34.96	2.01	7.14	34.54	29.87	23.71	2.23	9.65	29.62	22.12	47.00	1.26
4 years college	26.48	32.36	33.66	0.70	6.80	31.30	39.44	20.18	1.61	7.47	25.25	17.74	55.99	1.02
Family income in 1972														
Less than \$6,000	18.79	47.75	27.96	1.42	4.08	34.55	33.63	22.76	2.44	6.61	31.72	32.79	34.42	1.07
\$6,000-\$8,999	9.67	48.29	30.76	4.90	6.38	30.83	38.09	23.49	2.89	4.71	29.04	25.13	43.67	2.17
\$9,000-\$11,999	9.71	36.98	36.84	12.49	3.98	34.80	29.82	24.33	3.49	7.56	23.96	23.04	49.78	3.23
\$12,000-\$17,999	18.30	36.28	34.10	0.89	10.44	30.65	35.96	24.87	1.25	7.27	32.24	19.58	46.58	1.59
\$18,000 or more	10.90	45.46	34.05	0.73	8.87	34.24	30.51	19.85	2.41	12.98	24.56	17.39	57.50	0.55
Family size														
1-3	6.60	53.70	34.81	0.00	4.89	33.10	33.00	25.48	0.63	7.80	27.25	17.48	52.13	3.14
Four	8.53	36.89	40.72	3.29	10.57	31.76	32.04	24.24	1.66	10.31	23.76	19.48	55.14	1.62
Five	14.69	46.60	31.62	1.15	5.94	33.45	32.66	23.54	2.44	7.90	25.70	22.52	50.63	1.15
Six	21.29	40.92	32.72	2.08	2.98	30.12	28.15	32.75	1.19	7.79	28.49	19.34	50.90	1.27
7 or 8	19.08	37.84	34.95	1.82	6.33	30.22	35.76	26.62	1.89	5.51	28.97	21.99	47.75	1.29
9 or more	8.02	51.87	34.62	2.61	2.87	34.12	30.58	20.98	7.30	7.02	31.33	29.93	37.12	1.62
Home language English														
No	11.41	43.02	32.40	0.00	13.17	32.71	35.90	23.59	0.00	7.79	27.68	25.73	41.26	5.34
Yes	13.37	41.53	34.85	4.57	5.68	32.61	32.90	24.27	2.75	7.47	26.81	22.29	49.40	1.50
High school type														
Public	13.18	42.42	36.39	2.10	5.92	32.81	33.05	24.22	2.45	7.48	26.19	23.12	48.68	2.00
Catholic	18.90	46.35	28.35	2.98	3.42	23.70	31.49	35.55	2.39	6.86	28.15	15.90	55.26	0.70
Private	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	39.36	24.88	20.85	4.66	10.25	23.63	27.33	49.04	0.00
Area vocational	5.65	31.21	10.05	48.92	4.17	28.39	40.78	19.65	2.73	8.45	39.63	25.00	35.37	0.00

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	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
High school region														
North east	7.81	34.85	50.40	2.02	4.93	26.59	33.75	30.66	2.54	6.46	24.32	21.14	52.94	1.60
North central	13.59	41.23	30.16	8.43	6.60	31.02	31.83	25.12	2.64	9.39	27.57	22.96	47.83	1.64
South	16.34	49.97	25.83	2.04	5.82	29.85	37.49	20.58	3.00	9.08	27.42	23.36	46.90	2.32
West	16.02	40.82	38.71	0.52	3.94	39.92	29.97	23.46	1.76	4.90	27.30	22.46	48.67	1.57
High school urbanicity														
Rural	12.58	42.10	37.79	0.92	6.61	24.32	28.60	31.88	5.71	9.49	22.28	27.65	45.03	5.04
Small city	10.21	43.46	38.45	3.67	4.21	35.47	30.89	25.45	2.33	5.85	26.00	22.67	50.17	1.16
Medium city	24.08	34.27	33.77	2.51	5.37	33.80	42.69	15.71	2.60	5.21	27.90	20.10	51.01	0.99
Suburb of med city	10.22	43.77	42.00	0.00	4.01	29.58	40.76	20.48	0.51	8.68	29.66	27.59	42.04	0.71
Large city	6.66	60.55	22.26	1.49	9.04	31.50	35.43	23.19	1.19	8.69	30.30	22.54	45.92	1.24
Suburb of lge city	16.72	34.63	37.95	3.28	7.42	29.54	40.72	22.81	1.41	5.52	29.20	18.29	51.28	1.23
Very large city	9.73	35.22	24.40	29.14	1.51	28.02	35.92	25.84	2.62	7.61	23.01	22.18	53.62	1.19
Suburb of vy lge city	17.07	42.69	34.99	0.36	4.90	37.82	25.20	23.95	0.88	12.14	28.97	18.32	50.64	2.07
High school urbanicity (recoded)														
Rural	12.58	42.10	37.79	0.92	6.61	24.32	28.60	31.88	5.71	9.49	22.28	27.65	45.03	5.04
Suburban	15.22	39.11	38.12	1.66	5.88	33.29	33.72	22.91	1.01	9.07	29.23	20.61	48.75	1.40
Urban	11.84	43.24	33.38	6.84	4.69	33.18	34.53	23.51	2.23	6.54	26.52	22.18	50.14	1.16

Source: NLS-72 1986

Table 2. -- Percent of 1972 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics

	Immed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 4-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % dropout
TOTAL	10.81	32.16	14.27	46.62	32.40	22.87	32.07	41.56	28.36	16.37	23.61	33.03
Sex												
Male	13.20	28.98	14.14	48.88	35.71	22.69	27.94	42.99	28.21	15.26	22.39	31.32
Female	9.14	34.36	14.41	44.33	29.27	23.04	35.37	40.42	28.52	17.58	24.77	34.65
Race / ethnicity												
Hispanic	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	45.85	29.50	37.58	35.35	35.21	20.28	25.68	48.51
Asian	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	41.06	26.28	18.83	9.34	Low-N	Low-N
American Indian	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
Black	Low-N	Low-N	8.61	39.54	31.85	25.29	38.31	39.51	32.45	23.22	37.11	28.62
White	10.83	31.06	15.36	47.42	31.61	22.66	30.67	42.17	28.03	15.65	21.93	32.73
Hispanic subgroup												
Mexican	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	59.60	17.87	39.48	39.79	49.04	20.17	33.65	28.87
Cuban	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
Puerto Rican	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
Other Hispanic	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	41.59	27.01	Low-N	Low-N	17.02	67.70
Ability quartile												
Lower 25%	16.49	38.33	11.01	47.56	39.99	35.74	38.28	41.19	42.64	28.26	20.41	50.02
Middle 50%	10.75	31.50	13.88	47.62	36.61	21.16	34.55	38.80	31.08	20.37	23.60	37.18
Upper 25%	7.15	17.57	18.01	44.43	24.40	21.64	28.46	48.76	26.08	11.77	23.44	24.84

Table 2. -- Percent of 1972 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 4-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % dropout
High school grades												
A	15.27	37.27	12.21	53.57	16.75	12.26	23.47	44.09	22.02	9.08	17.60	22.09
A to B	9.72	30.18	16.46	46.01	29.47	21.46	32.98	44.05	28.51	11.63	23.84	25.34
B	7.60	26.89	17.18	49.50	35.27	19.00	26.85	43.41	31.22	19.30	25.22	35.60
B to C	10.96	28.47	12.28	40.73	32.34	26.67	39.51	36.85	30.04	25.48	23.33	39.29
C	18.13	44.87	14.50	53.04	40.97	34.75	30.44	39.79	41.56	30.20	26.73	44.24
D	Low-N	Low-N	7.02	45.64	61.66	15.89	31.38	50.18	40.78	32.64	34.45	30.10
High school grades (recoded)												
Mostly A	11.12	31.98	15.39	47.91	25.11	18.31	30.37	44.06	25.87	10.59	21.60	24.17
Mostly B	9.75	27.90	14.19	44.15	33.54	23.52	34.00	39.70	30.71	21.97	24.24	37.51
Mostly C	18.13	44.87	14.50	53.04	40.97	34.75	30.44	39.79	41.56	30.20	26.73	44.24
Less than C	Low-N	Low-N	7.02	45.64	61.66	15.89	31.38	50.18	40.78	32.64	34.45	30.10
High school program												
General	13.82	34.93	12.84	40.45	39.46	27.37	32.84	40.16	31.44	27.19	26.76	35.01
Academic	9.15	23.56	16.98	46.07	27.00	18.33	29.80	42.04	27.61	13.18	23.12	25.79
Vocational / technical	10.15	40.65	11.59	57.80	36.66	30.54	35.68	42.51	28.86	28.97	19.81	53.34
Handicap status												
Not handicapped	10.27	31.99	14.28	47.05	32.92	23.55	32.66	41.55	27.99	16.25	23.56	33.36
Handicapped	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	13.06	42.66
PSE plans												
No plans for PSE	Low-N	Low-N	12.82	42.61	51.58	32.11	34.58	40.83	Low-N	Low-N	32.55	41.69
Vocational / technical	8.79	36.37	12.88	55.71	47.65	25.62	34.79	46.33	33.78	55.14	18.58	49.29
2 year college	14.33	15.32	7.08	38.07	32.90	20.53	32.90	45.11	33.01	36.75	19.65	35.57
4 year college	19.96	26.63	19.63	42.63	32.03	14.06	30.52	42.46	27.92	15.83	22.12	28.37
Advanced degree	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N

Table 2. -- Percent of 1972 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %
	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout
PSE plans (recoded)												
No plans for PSE	Low-N	Low-N	12.82	42.61	51.58	32.11	34.58	40.83	Low-N	Low-N	32.55	41.69
Voc / tech or 2 yr coll	11.16	31.87	14.96	46.98	34.28	18.34	32.25	44.13	28.21	17.40	20.71	34.81
4 yr coll / adv degree	Low-N	Low-N	21.98	42.01	22.08	26.00	33.94	42.71	26.72	8.38	25.68	17.11
SES quartile												
Lower 25%	9.69	41.37	12.93	54.84	37.43	22.46	32.83	39.73	27.36	23.12	23.41	44.87
Middle 50%	11.31	27.99	13.45	44.75	31.35	25.59	33.31	39.52	30.96	17.50	24.83	33.65
Upper 25%	10.46	34.94	17.37	42.28	31.78	18.59	29.36	46.47	26.20	13.94	21.78	24.67
Parents' highest education												
Less than high school	5.54	32.17	18.51	51.75	40.56	25.63	33.41	36.09	39.21	19.13	24.42	43.03
High school only	10.06	32.62	10.75	46.79	28.28	27.14	30.17	44.88	25.45	19.23	20.98	39.48
Some college	7.89	35.99	13.68	48.02	36.23	20.80	32.93	38.51	31.34	17.78	26.62	29.68
4 years college	32.96	10.03	23.99	40.94	34.38	26.57	28.88	49.53	24.10	15.24	28.35	24.45
Family income in 1972												
Less than \$6,000	17.42	46.22	19.42	48.45	30.63	24.67	37.22	39.71	35.82	21.58	27.45	44.47
\$6,000-\$8,999	8.55	32.46	10.25	56.51	33.79	26.32	28.85	45.90	27.94	17.38	30.42	34.97
\$9,000-\$11,999	6.33	33.52	10.97	38.27	34.54	23.31	35.05	36.25	25.37	17.58	21.90	30.96
\$12,000-\$17,999	19.67	28.60	17.59	40.24	30.14	26.60	31.04	43.09	36.18	14.53	23.93	30.28
\$18,000 or more	Low-N	Low-N	12.26	51.59	35.72	17.05	32.93	42.50	24.23	13.56	25.45	27.71

Table 2. -- Percent of 1972 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %
	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout
Family size												
1-3	Low-N	Low-N	4.75	55.99	37.37	22.65	28.69	43.69	26.42	10.24	29.07	33.24
Four	11.81	19.85	6.48	47.52	29.05	19.24	34.53	45.12	26.12	14.31	19.05	29.78
Five	16.68	31.82	13.58	54.88	31.67	24.58	35.12	40.24	26.32	16.76	24.57	33.15
Six	14.57	40.16	23.81	41.21	35.13	13.61	26.03	40.01	31.48	16.49	23.62	23.98
7 or 8	13.19	26.17	22.22	44.06	26.88	24.70	32.48	43.21	28.62	16.12	29.49	30.74
9 or more	0.89	55.35	11.06	50.39	46.69	21.70	26.22	36.16	36.54	22.99	23.92	39.80
Home language												
No	Low-N	Low-N	14.47	45.03	37.58	19.22	29.18	48.03	27.68	16.76	27.67	37.56
Yes	11.73	31.28	14.17	46.54	32.60	22.47	32.61	41.23	28.56	16.15	23.75	33.03
High school type												
Public	10.69	30.78	14.39	48.12	33.68	23.25	32.08	41.19	28.48	16.42	22.44	34.10
Catholic	Low-N	Low-N	24.45	46.66	14.18	12.28	31.89	48.03	26.92	13.99	31.26	20.73
Private	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	22.20	24.95	Low-N	Low-N
Area vocational	Low-N	Low-N	1.70	32.59	27.37	35.37	28.87	43.29	37.40	20.17	42.90	32.06
High school region												
North east	6.56	18.60	8.59	45.11	19.07	22.38	31.95	41.86	26.93	12.72	19.66	36.19
North central	9.78	40.12	15.47	41.77	33.09	20.39	29.46	40.45	27.56	19.15	27.58	31.01
South	15.08	40.50	16.77	53.18	31.35	27.91	28.79	44.29	28.85	16.90	25.04	34.08
West	18.49	23.48	14.95	48.36	40.56	21.56	39.20	39.50	32.20	16.04	21.56	29.99

Table 2. -- Percent of 1972 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %
	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout
High school urbanicity												
Rural	10.19	37.08	14.48	46.07	17.21	23.15	30.59	33.39	23.75	22.87	20.22	34.38
Small city	6.56	33.85	12.00	48.16	34.53	21.84	36.30	38.87	25.40	16.54	26.99	32.74
Medium city	24.02	13.33	24.11	43.50	44.74	27.45	25.17	54.70	30.86	15.07	21.99	30.18
Suburb of med city	Low-N	Low-N	11.81	56.51	27.70	27.97	31.02	50.54	33.44	18.68	20.46	49.24
Large city	0.00	53.48	9.38	63.43	28.86	25.12	33.62	43.71	33.62	16.47	24.22	33.62
Suburb of lge city	13.15	25.34	17.86	37.58	25.47	37.01	33.09	43.96	30.67	13.60	25.39	30.51
Very large city	Low-N	Low-N	7.57	36.10	23.25	16.55	30.81	47.23	25.55	13.05	19.09	36.22
Suburb of vy lge city	Low-N	Low-N	22.59	47.48	46.18	13.94	30.81	34.64	30.93	14.22	26.12	24.28
High school urbanicity (recoded)												
Rural	10.19	37.08	14.48	46.07	17.21	23.15	30.59	33.39	23.75	22.87	20.22	34.38
Suburban	8.01	24.90	17.94	44.47	35.21	25.05	31.68	40.97	31.48	15.13	24.63	31.84
Urban	9.71	32.87	12.70	47.42	33.57	22.54	32.87	44.03	27.81	15.69	24.32	33.24

Source: NLS-72 1986

Table 3. -- Percent of 1980 high school graduates stopping out, dropping out, and attending continuously through various outcomes, by type of institution and selected student characteristics

	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
TOTAL	6.67	36.75	46.27	6.61	3.70	15.26	45.73	25.27	3.98	9.77	26.72	33.67	33.71	5.91
Sex														
Male	6.44	41.74	40.53	7.33	3.96	14.78	45.99	23.90	4.27	11.07	27.54	32.32	32.76	7.38
Female	6.82	33.23	50.32	6.10	3.52	15.66	45.52	26.42	3.73	8.67	25.96	34.93	34.59	4.53
Race / ethnicity														
Hispanic	3.96	44.03	40.52	5.98	5.51	20.16	40.06	29.33	4.37	6.08	31.07	39.48	17.25	12.20
American Indian	8.42	35.82	48.43	7.33	0.00	22.59	28.16	41.10	3.64	4.50	27.60	42.50	27.39	2.51
Asian	6.60	36.33	47.69	9.38	0.00	20.18	41.00	23.10	2.47	13.25	35.39	21.36	35.13	8.11
Black	10.75	45.56	34.65	7.67	1.36	16.29	50.75	19.97	5.88	7.11	31.51	44.08	19.69	4.72
White	6.06	34.40	48.99	6.42	4.13	14.49	46.10	25.21	3.77	10.44	25.87	32.50	35.97	5.66
Hispanic subgroup														
Mexican	4.41	39.43	43.51	5.68	6.97	24.31	41.01	25.39	4.82	4.47	30.57	37.46	17.96	14.01
Cuban	0.00	45.99	40.93	13.08	0.00	11.02	32.37	44.40	3.99	8.21	34.46	36.16	20.52	8.86
Puerto Rican	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	9.45	24.88	53.84	2.80	9.03	24.19	52.14	14.87	8.80
Other Hispanic	2.76	56.42	33.58	2.22	5.02	15.64	44.07	27.90	3.77	8.63	33.22	39.47	15.60	11.71
Ability quartile														
Lower 25%	7.38	49.23	38.72	3.57	1.10	15.12	52.95	22.26	4.87	4.80	22.92	55.96	14.18	6.93
Middle 50%	5.05	31.96	51.62	7.05	4.32	16.05	44.76	25.33	3.47	10.39	25.20	39.75	27.92	7.13
Upper 25%	3.34	34.04	46.03	10.15	6.45	12.88	45.34	26.95	4.44	10.40	28.41	24.47	42.09	5.03
High school grades														
A	4.54	25.76	60.28	1.17	8.25	11.17	43.90	23.17	5.74	16.02	22.62	22.66	49.24	5.47
A to B	5.74	30.08	50.07	9.60	4.52	12.86	41.45	32.07	2.38	11.24	28.01	31.11	35.43	5.45
B	6.44	37.93	41.57	7.32	6.74	14.40	46.09	25.15	2.76	11.61	25.91	37.94	29.47	6.68
B to C	6.05	37.82	46.85	7.32	1.95	16.97	45.25	25.32	4.70	7.77	29.62	43.53	20.05	6.81
C	3.34	44.17	45.91	5.08	1.49	18.95	56.28	15.19	4.16	5.42	29.39	49.34	10.54	10.73
D	9.39	53.70	35.29	1.04	0.58	9.64	57.07	17.87	10.11	5.29	27.63	60.62	9.37	2.37

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	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
High school grades (recoded)														
Mostly A	5.46	29.08	52.43	7.65	5.38	12.39	42.13	29.59	3.32	12.57	25.63	27.39	41.52	5.46
Mostly B	6.21	37.86	44.65	7.32	3.95	15.80	45.63	25.24	3.82	9.50	27.63	40.53	25.11	6.74
Mostly C	3.34	44.17	45.91	5.08	1.49	18.95	56.28	15.19	4.16	5.42	29.39	49.34	10.54	10.73
Less than C	9.74	54.92	33.81	0.99	0.55	8.79	54.49	20.74	8.63	7.35	28.40	61.42	8.12	2.06
High school program														
General	4.38	38.60	46.18	6.35	4.49	16.38	44.13	24.75	5.71	9.03	24.96	43.57	23.80	7.67
Academic	5.85	31.08	48.70	9.77	4.60	11.98	45.33	28.12	2.20	12.37	27.56	28.25	38.89	5.30
Vocational / technical	5.45	40.74	46.96	4.46	2.40	16.48	51.32	21.37	3.49	7.33	24.97	52.10	14.47	
8.46														
Handicap status														
Handicapped	5.34	42.43	42.89	5.51	3.83	16.40	46.58	24.80	4.16	8.06	26.86	34.18	32.01	6.94
Not Handicapped	7.06	35.07	47.26	6.94	3.67	15.04	45.74	25.11	3.95	10.16	26.86	33.65	33.93	5.56
PSE plans														
No plans for PSE	4.43	49.33	38.02	6.31	1.91	13.58	51.24	21.80	10.56	2.82	18.67	64.96	0.47	15.89
Vocational / technical	6.42	38.37	47.78	5.33	2.09	14.92	54.87	22.84	4.70	2.68	22.57	57.75	9.96	
9.72														
2 year college	5.17	32.65	52.70	3.90	5.58	14.89	45.97	28.84	1.81	8.49	23.91	51.22	13.96	10.92
4 year college	3.35	37.29	44.00	10.34	5.02	15.38	39.73	26.39	3.75	14.75	25.78	34.14	34.93	5.15
Advanced degree	8.81	29.62	43.07	10.97	7.54	15.79	44.46	23.04	3.57	13.14	29.75	25.35	40.09	4.80
PSE plans (recoded)														
No plans for PSE	4.43	49.33	38.02	6.31	1.91	13.58	51.24	21.80	10.56	2.82	18.67	64.96	0.47	15.89
Voc/tech or 2 yr coll	5.99	36.41	49.47	4.84	3.29	14.90	49.70	26.32	3.02	6.05	23.46	53.42	12.61	
10.51														
4yr coll / adv degree	5.43	34.38	43.64	10.58	5.97	15.55	41.72	24.98	3.68	14.07	27.66	29.98	37.37	
4.99														
SES quartile														
Lower 25%	6.63	44.70	39.88	6.81	1.98	14.67	50.84	23.54	4.68	6.27	22.80	48.06	20.96	8.18
Middle 50%	6.49	32.95	50.02	6.54	3.99	15.05	46.56	25.40	3.17	9.82	24.84	39.93	28.56	6.67
Upper 25%	3.09	36.98	46.60	6.83	6.50	14.97	40.87	26.46	4.83	12.86	29.68	24.05	41.20	5.07

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	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
Parents' highest education														
Less than high school	5.18	49.44	39.46	3.25	2.67	17.98	48.70	19.11	5.71	8.49	24.50	47.67	22.40	
5.43														
High school only	6.15	35.65	47.61	7.84	2.76	12.58	48.54	27.83	3.88	7.17	21.98	43.43	28.25	6.34
Less than 2 yrs voc	18.58	35.45	37.96	7.44	0.57	18.88	43.85	30.06	1.93	5.27	23.57	42.62	29.25	4.56
More than 2 yrs voc	6.78	31.79	50.56	4.87	5.99	19.75	45.33	26.83	1.81	6.27	26.77	40.87	26.41	5.95
Less than 2 yrs coll	4.75	32.04	48.75	6.31	8.16	15.47	44.11	27.13	6.34	6.95	28.46	31.11	34.09	6.35
2 to 4 years college	6.94	43.98	44.07	2.53	2.48	17.28	48.71	18.02	2.39	13.60	29.32	32.98	30.22	7.48
4 to 5 years college	1.19	32.77	47.80	11.36	6.88	11.62	46.37	27.20	5.02	9.79	27.11	31.13	37.68	4.08
MA/MS	15.01	26.68	53.74	3.77	0.79	18.93	40.23	21.99	2.99	15.87	31.51	24.23	37.91	6.35
PhD/MD	3.89	47.76	39.22	5.26	3.87	13.40	38.94	24.76	5.91	16.98	28.77	21.74	43.36	6.14
Parents' highest education (recoded)														
Less than high school	5.18	49.44	39.46	3.25	2.67	17.98	48.70	19.11	5.71	8.49	24.50	47.67	22.40	
5.43														
High school only	6.15	35.65	47.61	7.84	2.76	12.58	48.54	27.83	3.88	7.17	21.98	43.43	28.25	6.34
Any PSE	8.26	36.48	45.98	4.83	4.44	17.53	45.91	24.39	3.37	8.80	27.66	35.47	30.51	6.36
BA/BS / adv degree	5.80	34.11	47.75	7.87	4.47	14.40	42.93	25.00	4.51	13.16	28.89	26.70	39.12	5.29
Family income in 1980														
Less than \$7,000	8.43	41.03	40.76	8.65	1.13	18.83	49.73	21.17	2.05	8.22	26.96	43.95	23.93	5.16
\$7,000-\$11,999	6.09	45.64	38.91	4.58	4.78	14.57	40.70	30.32	5.08	9.34	21.56	47.17	22.36	8.91
\$12,000-\$15,999	7.78	34.14	42.01	10.40	5.67	12.83	48.48	24.26	5.49	8.95	23.92	39.45	27.11	9.51
\$16,000-\$19,999	6.34	36.88	46.39	8.27	2.11	14.86	49.40	21.33	3.58	10.83	27.38	36.01	28.18	8.43
\$20,000-\$24,999	3.69	39.66	44.24	6.92	5.49	13.73	48.82	26.36	3.40	7.69	26.58	35.65	33.48	4.29
\$25,000-\$37,999	5.96	30.59	56.94	2.47	4.04	18.00	41.63	27.77	2.93	9.67	29.35	31.54	33.21	5.90
\$38,000 or more	3.41	39.52	46.20	6.01	4.86	18.09	39.85	26.26	3.59	12.21	25.78	26.36	43.12	4.74
Family income in 1980 (recoded)														
Less than \$12,000	6.98	43.89	39.61	6.13	3.39	15.86	43.44	27.55	4.16	9.00	23.23	46.18	22.84	7.75
\$12,000-\$19,999	7.00	35.63	44.39	9.24	3.74	14.03	49.02	22.53	4.36	10.06	25.84	37.55	27.71	8.91
\$20,000-\$37,999	4.79	35.29	50.35	4.78	4.79	16.12	44.80	27.15	3.14	8.80	28.08	33.42	33.33	5.16
\$38,000 or more	3.41	39.52	46.20	6.01	4.86	18.09	39.85	26.26	3.59	12.21	25.78	26.36	43.12	4.74

Table 3. -- Percent of 1980 high school graduates stopping out, dropping out, and attending continuously through various outcomes, by type of institution and selected student characteristics--continued

	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
Family size														
1-3	13.35	31.55	39.39	13.23	2.48	16.80	44.35	24.30	3.50	11.05	25.53	36.14	29.25	9.08
Four	2.48	39.20	47.69	7.23	3.40	11.12	51.54	24.24	3.41	9.70	27.71	31.27	35.55	5.47
Five	6.48	35.25	47.24	7.06	3.96	14.61	46.64	26.42	4.63	7.71	25.78	32.87	35.93	5.43
Six	5.10	34.38	48.71	6.89	4.91	17.93	41.78	25.76	2.69	11.84	25.81	33.71	33.28	7.20
Seven	1.91	43.00	46.17	4.62	4.28	11.22	45.21	27.24	3.27	13.05	27.73	36.20	30.69	5.37
8 or 9	6.44	30.80	54.24	4.00	4.51	20.90	43.32	20.76	5.52	9.49	28.09	39.67	25.32	6.92
10 plus	10.38	47.94	35.10	4.81	1.78	13.59	45.61	30.02	5.78	5.00	26.90	45.68	21.42	6.00
Home language English														
No	4.08	39.83	44.99	9.85	1.25	20.33	38.38	24.24	4.40	12.66	24.34	34.27	30.18	11.21
Yes	5.81	36.94	46.70	6.65	3.90	14.53	46.72	25.20	3.84	9.71	26.78	34.73	32.47	6.03
High school type														
Public	6.69	37.20	45.26	6.90	3.96	16.23	45.26	25.23	3.79	9.48	26.14	34.34	33.12	6.41
Catholic	7.25	34.07	52.58	4.83	1.26	6.06	46.68	26.46	7.02	13.79	29.75	30.54	35.30	4.42
Private	5.12	28.87	63.88	1.48	0.65	6.00	63.54	22.22	0.71	7.53	29.83	29.53	39.31	1.33
High school region														
North east	4.21	35.56	53.04	5.54	1.66	14.44	51.65	21.52	3.24	9.15	28.17	30.73	37.29	3.82
North central	10.13	33.37	47.48	5.19	3.83	12.01	47.37	25.16	4.17	11.29	27.42	31.93	35.40	5.25
South	5.72	40.09	40.06	10.23	3.91	14.92	45.09	26.47	4.63	8.89	25.79	38.59	30.52	5.10
West	4.77	39.70	44.58	4.90	6.05	19.10	40.75	26.84	3.71	9.59	24.62	33.45	30.03	11.91
High school urbanicity														
Urban	8.95	44.24	38.61	6.00	2.19	12.64	50.25	25.64	2.77	8.69	31.33	33.89	29.52	5.25
Suburban	6.00	35.87	46.25	7.60	4.28	17.24	45.12	23.82	4.14	9.68	26.59	31.34	35.86	6.21
Rural	6.01	32.26	52.48	5.36	3.89	12.50	43.53	28.55	4.55	10.86	23.46	38.12	32.61	5.81

Source: High School & Beyond 1986

Table 4. -- Percent of 1980 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics

	Immed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 4-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % dropout
TOTAL	8.54	32.91	5.51	39.12	15.21	34.08	15.31	57.99	28.35	30.72	22.49	41.31
Sex												
Male	8.47	42.31	5.30	41.41	17.07	34.41	12.34	58.31	30.54	29.19	20.83	39.30
Female	8.58	26.91	5.66	37.40	13.63	33.80	17.79	57.73	26.47	32.04	24.42	43.65
Race / ethnicity												
Hispanic	8.66	49.62	2.29	42.03	22.82	29.88	16.90	52.54	30.25	44.22	32.30	32.39
American Indian	Low-N	Low-N	6.76	25.02	20.50	21.18	24.97	36.14	13.55	42.08	45.37	43.04
Asian	Low-N	Low-N	7.55	35.72	20.95	23.65	19.05	66.30	42.26	18.63	15.18	29.42
Black	18.98	41.96	7.77	46.87	14.78	44.78	17.39	55.10	34.86	40.65	21.43	54.39
White	7.22	30.61	5.22	37.13	14.36	34.04	14.63	58.95	27.31	29.41	22.08	40.64
Hispanic subgroup												
Mexican	11.77	48.37	0.96	35.25	28.39	30.55	19.55	53.20	31.32	40.60	29.54	33.20
Cuban	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	10.29	23.76	12.50	49.69	18.82	54.18	51.91	16.06
Puerto Rican	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	23.34	55.26	26.23	44.59
Other Hispanic	Low-N	Low-N	3.17	58.57	17.52	30.52	12.83	64.36	35.41	41.84	29.54	35.48
Ability quartile												
Lower 25%	5.40	48.31	8.31	49.67	18.83	45.27	12.01	59.39	22.20	58.31	23.89	52.83
Middle 50%	4.84	28.17	5.21	35.00	15.16	32.72	17.18	59.95	27.39	38.48	20.58	42.43
Upper 25%	6.17	34.44	1.51	33.78	15.15	31.16	10.76	58.57	29.59	22.41	22.81	34.29

Table 4. -- Percent of 1980 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %
	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout
High school grades												
A	6.72	21.83	2.17	30.02	12.47	26.97	9.86	60.95	23.29	20.83	18.27	34.49
A to B	8.22	30.53	4.15	29.79	11.97	30.68	14.05	55.73	31.11	29.49	18.81	35.91
B	7.45	36.00	5.80	39.15	15.80	32.11	12.72	62.85	28.16	36.01	19.80	43.20
B to C	4.00	27.86	7.28	43.75	16.85	35.94	17.09	55.30	30.26	45.24	28.45	40.40
C	4.14	41.50	2.93	45.53	21.62	46.81	16.54	64.85	38.36	48.72	22.41	49.82
D	Low-M	Low-M	10.65	48.09	7.92	61.29	10.36	55.33	46.78	39.91	15.49	73.76
High school grades (recoded)												
Mostly A	7.79	28.03	3.77	29.83	12.09	29.74	12.75	57.34	27.38	25.36	18.65	35.49
Mostly B	5.47	31.32	6.67	41.86	16.36	34.16	15.18	58.61	29.07	40.00	24.39	41.71
Mostly C	4.14	41.50	2.93	45.53	21.62	46.81	16.54	64.85	38.36	48.72	22.41	49.82
Less than C	6.72	80.05	10.59	47.84	5.94	47.41	10.21	58.03	48.03	38.97	18.08	73.22
High school program												
General	5.15	28.11	3.97	44.19	16.20	35.36	16.60	54.51	27.64	39.60	20.58	50.06
Academic	9.61	27.30	3.85	33.09	12.79	30.82	11.02	62.54	29.02	27.65	21.70	30.68
Vocational / technical	3.03	40.34	7.30	41.05	17.62	39.75	15.53	60.97	26.49	50.35	23.22	54.12
Handicap status												
Handicapped	4.63	44.09	5.86	41.22	18.13	37.94	14.74	54.87	28.02	30.79	24.56	40.97
Not handicapped	9.87	29.12	5.41	38.56	14.64	33.46	15.47	58.86	28.46	30.90	22.40	41.34
PSE plans												
No plans for PSE	3.44	61.35	4.77	45.17	19.60	37.39	11.78	55.37	17.83	79.96	18.94	60.29
Vocational / technical	6.46	33.32	6.38	43.74	16.68	45.99	13.65	61.31	20.92	64.00	23.50	54.24
2 year college	5.73	27.54	4.75	36.53	13.04	39.32	18.19	57.84	26.39	58.70	21.01	42.50
4 year college	3.17	35.78	3.40	37.73	15.24	28.14	15.54	54.35	27.16	32.88	21.31	38.20
Advanced degree	11.47	11.48	8.04	34.84	18.10	26.75	13.32	63.48	31.16	23.84	22.78	32.83

Table 4. -- Percent of 1980 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %
	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout
PSE plans (recoded)												
No plans for PSE	3.44	61.35	4.77	45.17	19.60	37.39	11.78	55.37	17.83	79.96	18.94	60.29
Voc / tech or 2 yr coll	6.24	31.56	5.76	41.00	14.21	41.46	15.74	59.71	25.01	60.04	22.04	47.35
4 yr coll / adv degree	6.32	26.56	5.17	36.63	16.39	27.58	14.56	58.39	29.14	28.41	21.88	36.11
SES quartile												
Lower 25%	6.07	40.58	6.95	47.03	15.61	42.51	13.65	59.95	24.53	46.41	19.59	51.11
Middle 50%	6.83	29.63	6.26	35.26	15.29	34.63	14.79	59.65	27.06	37.62	19.31	45.66
Upper 25%	3.97	30.63	2.67	39.94	15.18	27.03	14.74	55.93	31.07	22.11	24.89	30.75
Parents' highest education												
Less than high school	2.62	42.50	6.47	52.95	17.88	43.31	18.12	55.61	28.94	42.30	17.37	56.30
High school only	8.36	30.45	4.68	39.11	12.40	40.51	12.77	56.99	23.87	39.73	18.01	51.14
Less than 2 yrs voc	30.51	34.49	7.76	36.32	16.46	30.76	21.09	55.74	24.02	39.59	21.74	54.68
More than 2 yrs voc	8.73	33.25	5.67	30.97	16.12	35.47	24.20	57.40	28.66	36.51	22.91	49.78
Less than 2 yrs coll	6.21	31.42	3.39	32.62	19.80	28.29	11.22	59.67	28.43	30.34	28.56	33.46
2 to 4 yrs college	6.17	38.24	7.47	48.00	19.69	33.94	14.92	63.20	31.57	30.00	23.39	40.83
4 to 5 yrs college	1.22	21.65	1.17	38.32	13.83	34.77	9.37	58.21	28.31	28.11	23.44	40.33
MA/MS	17.05	30.69	13.96	24.61	16.13	21.06	21.56	58.25	33.44	23.60	26.17	25.96
PhD/MD	Low-N	Low-N	5.00	44.05	9.51	31.29	18.21	48.37	29.33	20.39	26.92	26.19
Parents' highest education (recoded)												
Less than high school	2.62	42.50	6.47	52.95	17.88	43.31	18.12	55.61	28.94	42.30	17.37	56.30
High school only	8.36	30.45	4.68	39.11	12.40	40.51	12.77	56.99	23.87	39.73	18.01	51.14
Any PSE	11.17	34.62	6.13	37.86	18.41	32.29	16.64	59.84	28.77	32.91	24.61	42.53
BA/BS / adv degree	6.09	30.35	5.66	35.82	13.70	29.67	15.13	56.57	30.15	24.82	25.14	32.33

Table 4. -- Percent of 1980 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %
	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout
Family income in 1980												
Less than \$7,000	6.19	51.18	9.24	37.35	23.16	38.17	15.59	58.39	31.91	41.24	12.86	51.69
\$7,000-\$11,999	10.10	42.57	4.41	46.93	15.32	34.84	13.53	48.76	25.21	45.50	13.71	50.77
\$12,000-\$15,999	9.70	32.81	5.84	35.48	11.53	44.52	14.24	52.75	26.02	38.74	19.35	41.00
\$16,000-\$19,999	9.45	23.70	4.83	43.28	13.14	39.47	17.01	61.79	28.51	34.81	24.60	38.97
\$20,000-\$24,999	3.92	43.06	3.48	36.45	16.87	33.06	9.91	67.93	28.29	33.51	20.75	42.93
\$25,000-\$37,999	3.65	20.13	7.50	37.52	19.56	25.89	16.25	59.24	30.22	27.08	27.35	41.78
\$38,000 or more	2.70	28.66	3.69	43.73	19.02	24.74	17.34	52.11	28.33	24.29	16.86	33.61
Family income in 1980 (recoded)												
Less than \$12,000	8.71	45.64	6.30	43.19	17.23	35.65	14.29	52.33	27.39	44.11	13.48	51.02
\$12,000-\$19,999	9.59	28.84	5.22	40.28	12.51	41.45	15.82	57.91	27.42	36.53	22.15	39.92
\$20,000-\$37,999	3.80	33.14	5.57	37.01	18.35	29.12	13.52	62.98	29.29	30.19	24.80	42.22
\$38,000 or more	2.70	28.66	3.69	43.73	19.02	24.74	17.34	52.11	28.33	24.29	16.86	33.61
Family size												
1-3	24.05	17.76	9.52	36.48	21.54	33.28	11.22	57.38	29.51	31.18	17.24	46.48
Four	4.74	33.20	1.04	43.03	10.39	36.57	11.91	67.96	29.14	29.82	22.87	36.19
Five	6.87	34.14	6.21	36.04	15.26	33.10	13.98	59.49	26.06	30.83	24.87	39.31
Six	2.51	25.31	6.67	39.85	17.69	32.96	18.23	53.03	27.57	32.60	21.31	36.55
Seven	0.00	52.05	2.99	37.93	11.38	36.24	11.00	57.49	30.24	33.41	20.98	43.71
8 or 9	9.46	28.76	4.36	32.22	22.02	35.35	19.82	51.04	32.49	34.43	19.71	49.66
10 plus	1.94	34.99	14.89	54.87	13.70	26.12	13.50	60.48	30.82	42.07	20.61	51.47
Home language English												
No	0.00	72.86	4.87	33.46	19.01	28.27	22.25	53.08	27.33	28.46	19.85	43.00
Yes	6.12	32.38	5.62	39.78	15.05	34.84	13.97	59.49	28.59	32.22	21.83	41.55

Table 4. -- Percent of 1980 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %
	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout
High school type												
Public	8.22	33.59	5.69	39.53	16.32	33.57	16.15	57.30	27.77	30.89	22.11	42.84
Catholic	15.96	22.56	4.69	37.46	4.99	38.36	7.83	60.56	30.91	31.23	25.23	27.87
Private	Low-M	Low-M	2.53	32.21	Low-M	Low-M	3.17	75.67	31.55	27.50	24.79	35.46
High school region												
North east	9.74	32.82	1.04	37.13	12.58	39.22	16.18	63.31	28.74	29.35	26.36	35.05
North central	8.64	26.46	11.45	39.50	11.76	36.29	12.22	56.74	29.16	27.86	22.68	43.03
South	8.60	41.65	3.87	39.08	12.20	33.48	17.68	56.84	27.34	35.68	20.98	47.58
West	4.91	34.89	4.74	40.98	21.46	30.09	15.69	56.16	27.82	29.56	20.08	38.96
High school urbanicity												
Urban	12.22	35.40	7.16	49.07	16.44	35.07	9.13	64.29	32.34	32.43	28.44	38.08
Suburban	6.82	34.74	5.59	36.43	16.20	33.48	18.30	56.98	27.85	28.29	23.16	39.71
Rural	8.45	29.34	3.58	35.16	12.14	34.73	12.96	54.72	26.13	34.49	17.60	46.07

Source: High School & Beyond 1986

Table 5. -- Percent of 1982 high school graduates stopping out, dropping out, and attending continuously through various outcomes, by type of institution and selected student characteristics

	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
TOTAL	4.74	38.28	44.24	8.34	4.41	14.56	47.77	16.95	9.27	11.46	30.47	32.36	9.43	27.74
Sex														
Male	4.20	37.88	40.36	11.07	6.50	14.56	45.57	15.85	10.15	13.88	30.25	31.01	9.58	29.15
Female	5.10	38.54	46.85	6.50	3.01	14.56	49.43	17.78	8.60	9.63	30.67	33.62	9.29	26.42
Race / ethnicity														
Hispanic	8.38	39.95	38.36	7.85	5.45	20.29	45.39	15.79	9.80	8.73	21.74	46.55	4.33	27.37
American Indian	4.61	65.83	25.34	4.21	0.00	17.38	55.92	16.22	4.77	5.71	22.61	49.03	6.07	22.29
Asian	8.61	41.93	37.97	8.08	3.41	25.01	47.44	7.98	11.34	8.24	32.46	23.99	14.13	29.42
Black	6.27	50.01	35.00	3.72	5.01	10.75	62.38	10.46	7.12	9.29	30.78	41.82	7.88	19.51
White	4.01	35.01	47.23	9.47	4.29	14.14	45.72	18.40	9.52	12.23	30.91	30.49	9.80	28.80
Hispanic subgroup														
Mexican	10.29	36.29	43.38	4.67	5.38	20.67	45.75	14.49	11.38	7.71	16.29	51.47	3.42	28.82
Cuban	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	18.96	43.58	18.02	3.81	15.62	14.81	47.05	2.61	35.53
Puerto Rican	5.79	63.03	21.70	9.48	0.00	11.74	61.15	6.38	16.99	3.74	31.47	31.71	7.37	29.46
Other Hispanic	1.33	35.30	37.39	15.53	10.45	22.15	41.17	19.83	6.73	10.11	29.91	42.76	5.34	22.00
Ability quartile														
Lower 25%	3.95	47.14	43.01	3.61	2.28	14.36	57.77	14.21	7.23	6.43	20.04	58.66	4.33	16.98
Middle 50%	5.28	36.99	45.77	8.10	3.84	15.18	46.76	18.05	9.46	10.54	28.39	38.81	5.90	26.90
Upper 25%	2.67	32.93	39.99	15.81	8.61	13.45	43.39	16.08	10.24	16.84	33.07	24.88	12.79	29.26
High school grades														
A	12.31	21.68	49.70	13.28	3.02	6.45	37.66	20.04	5.42	30.43	31.44	20.53	15.88	32.14
A-B	1.26	37.04	48.41	8.37	4.92	12.78	37.91	22.01	11.48	15.83	30.54	26.03	12.38	31.05
B	3.71	29.89	51.52	10.85	4.03	13.77	46.20	20.03	8.75	11.25	31.72	31.24	9.68	27.37
B-C	4.85	43.51	40.00	7.55	4.10	15.93	48.20	15.86	8.21	11.80	30.19	36.56	6.72	26.52
C	4.62	40.26	42.87	7.00	5.25	15.90	55.24	12.31	8.77	7.78	26.96	47.47	4.24	21.33
C-D	8.23	39.01	41.03	7.32	4.42	13.76	54.45	10.54	17.84	3.41	26.42	54.64	0.01	18.93

Table 5. -- Percent of 1982 high school graduates stopping out, dropping out, and attending continuously through various outcomes, by type of institution and selected student characteristics--continued

	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
High school grades (recoded)														
Mostly A	3.23	34.31	48.64	9.24	4.58	11.74	37.87	21.68	10.48	18.23	30.80	24.46	13.38	31.36
Mostly B	4.39	37.96	44.69	8.89	4.07	14.93	47.27	17.79	8.46	11.54	31.04	33.61	8.36	26.99
Mostly C	4.62	40.26	42.87	7.00	5.25	15.90	55.24	12.31	8.77	7.78	26.96	47.47	4.24	21.33
Less than C	9.74	40.04	38.97	7.17	4.07	13.65	54.94	10.41	17.61	3.40	27.67	52.35	0.01	19.98
High school program														
General	3.05	39.70	44.18	8.90	4.17	15.75	47.27	15.49	11.53	9.97	26.09	43.23	4.72	25.96
Academic	6.37	36.67	42.43	9.43	5.11	14.83	43.28	17.66	9.01	15.23	32.90	27.65	10.79	28.66
Vocational / technical	4.26	38.25	46.86	6.76	3.87	12.45	57.48	17.38	7.49	5.20	19.14	50.60	6.88	
23.38														
Handicap status														
Handicapped	4.87	34.93	46.71	9.85	3.65	11.88	53.42	16.49	8.11	10.10	28.51	35.56	8.74	27.20
Not handicapped	4.70	39.48	43.35	7.76	4.72	15.60	45.48	17.24	9.78	11.90	31.16	31.28	9.71	27.85
PSE plans														
No PSE plans	5.32	42.31	35.61	15.73	1.03	10.10	60.44	14.35	13.04	2.07	7.04	66.79	5.95	20.22
Vocational / technical	4.79	38.32	50.39	3.73	2.77	12.43	52.38	19.04	11.41	4.73	18.44	58.10	3.98	
19.47														
Less than 4 yrs coll	3.13	35.14	45.13	11.32	5.28	12.41	49.20	21.66	7.72	8.99	23.72	47.16	4.17	24.94
BA/BS	5.02	38.38	38.51	10.72	7.37	19.37	43.09	13.83	7.99	15.73	30.50	31.79	9.88	27.83
Advanced degree	8.23	36.62	35.63	9.93	9.58	14.69	41.23	13.81	11.07	19.19	35.81	22.43	11.90	29.86
PSE plans (recoded)														
No PSE plans	5.32	42.31	35.61	15.73	1.03	10.10	60.44	14.35	13.04	2.07	7.04	66.79	5.95	20.22
Voc / tech or 2 yr coll	4.20	37.18	48.51	6.45	3.67	12.42	50.25	20.80	8.93	7.59	22.61	49.47	4.13	
23.79														
4 yr college / adv deg	6.12	37.78	37.52	10.45	8.13	17.48	42.34	13.82	9.24	17.13	33.03	27.34	10.84	
28.79														
SES quartile														
Lower 25%	4.84	39.53	48.87	3.49	3.27	12.61	56.20	16.74	7.59	6.86	21.29	52.84	5.45	20.42
Middle 50%	4.95	39.53	42.39	9.87	3.26	14.16	48.41	17.46	8.75	11.22	27.51	34.83	8.80	28.85
Upper 25%	4.14	30.64	43.68	10.61	10.93	16.48	41.14	16.30	11.39	14.69	35.45	25.27	11.00	28.29

Table 5. -- Percent of 1982 high school graduates stopping out, dropping out, and attending continuously through various outcomes, by type of institution and selected student characteristics--continued

	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
Parents' highest education														
Less than high sch	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
High school only	1.78	40.87	50.11	3.73	3.50	13.76	61.18	12.11	4.65	8.30	20.50	55.67	3.84	19.99
Less than 2 yr voc	4.92	39.89	45.27	7.09	2.83	12.61	54.91	15.66	10.29	6.53	26.29	39.96	8.67	25.08
More than 2 yr voc	5.92	32.71	45.46	7.30	8.60	11.27	53.59	18.23	4.83	12.08	23.06	35.47	14.53	26.94
Less than 2 yr college	2.62	42.63	43.00	7.27	4.47	10.92	47.63	18.49	8.71	14.26	29.07	38.37	5.67	26.89
2-4 yrs college	4.53	26.67	53.61	11.99	3.21	15.35	45.50	21.76	7.48	9.90	26.76	36.04	5.67	31.52
4-5 yrs college	8.84	35.22	39.72	13.36	2.86	18.61	41.71	18.02	9.37	12.29	28.87	32.02	11.76	27.35
MA or MS	8.07	35.17	41.94	10.09	4.73	16.10	40.29	16.79	10.16	16.67	35.75	27.58	9.12	27.55
PhD or MD	0.91	26.77	37.66	20.68	13.97	15.47	40.95	15.09	10.71	17.78	36.44	22.79	11.84	28.93
Parents' highest education (recoded)														
Less than high sch	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
High school only	1.78	40.87	50.11	3.73	3.50	13.76	61.18	12.11	4.65	8.30	20.50	55.67	3.84	19.99
Less than 2 yrs voc	4.52	37.87	46.02	7.83	3.76	12.76	51.74	17.57	8.99	8.95	26.54	38.27	8.05	27.13
More than 2 yrs voc	7.03	33.65	40.36	13.21	5.75	16.68	40.91	16.67	10.08	15.65	34.44	26.94	10.65	27.98
Family income in 1980														
Less than \$8,000	12.84	42.80	39.00	4.41	0.95	21.06	54.91	13.61	3.64	6.78	25.08	45.70	7.85	21.36
\$8,000-\$14,999	4.49	40.80	47.01	2.40	5.30	12.23	52.63	20.08	7.25	7.81	30.03	40.17	5.62	24.18
\$15,000-\$19,999	4.73	31.83	48.05	13.33	2.06	16.50	50.84	17.79	6.51	8.36	27.43	34.40	9.32	28.84
\$20,000-\$24,999	4.43	38.89	43.19	8.78	4.71	11.71	49.40	14.90	9.32	14.67	29.58	36.20	6.70	27.52
\$25,000-\$29,999	2.57	39.35	43.01	10.43	4.64	11.03	47.90	17.46	9.62	13.99	26.58	33.04	7.56	32.82
\$30,000-\$39,999	7.47	36.30	42.37	9.76	4.10	14.39	43.53	18.06	10.31	13.71	32.09	27.68	9.89	30.35
\$40,000-\$49,999	2.43	46.99	38.43	7.65	4.50	17.71	43.97	12.86	12.43	13.03	33.05	28.00	10.64	28.31
\$50,000 or more	3.27	41.05	23.97	19.30	12.41	21.43	40.33	16.14	8.93	13.17	37.06	26.70	12.97	23.27

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	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
Family income in 1980 (recoded)														
Less than \$15,000	6.83	41.36	44.76	2.97	4.08	14.32	53.17	18.55	6.39	7.56	28.76	41.59	6.20	23.46
\$15,000-\$24,999	4.57	35.66	45.41	10.86	3.50	14.07	50.11	16.32	7.93	11.56	28.58	35.36	7.92	28.14
\$25,000-\$39,999	5.39	37.59	42.64	10.05	4.33	12.94	45.42	17.80	10.01	13.83	29.66	30.04	8.86	31.44
\$40,000 or more	2.84	44.08	31.34	13.36	8.38	19.69	42.03	14.61	10.56	13.11	35.45	27.23	12.04	25.29
Family size														
1 to 3	3.16	38.81	44.55	9.05	4.43	17.59	49.91	14.25	9.93	8.32	30.21	37.35	7.94	24.51
Four	4.69	37.25	47.82	6.80	3.44	13.40	44.59	19.49	9.30	13.23	29.73	31.36	9.96	28.95
Five	5.47	34.19	49.41	8.17	2.76	15.43	46.66	17.07	9.84	11.00	31.71	29.17	10.81	28.31
Six	3.78	46.58	37.16	5.25	7.23	15.97	48.09	17.67	6.40	11.85	28.77	32.90	8.76	29.56
Seven	6.19	40.27	40.11	12.17	1.26	14.71	51.67	18.98	6.33	8.31	33.30	35.32	6.97	24.40
8 to 9	4.52	36.35	40.67	10.67	7.79	11.10	49.54	12.70	13.06	13.60	30.34	33.28	9.60	26.77
Home language English														
No	10.55	23.22	53.97	5.83	6.43	23.37	41.67	15.89	10.20	8.88	23.31	42.57	8.14	25.99
Yes	4.76	36.45	46.02	8.53	4.24	13.88	47.66	17.32	9.44	11.69	30.30	32.14	9.14	28.42
High school type														
Public	4.63	38.48	44.44	8.42	4.03	14.36	48.35	17.12	9.21	10.96	29.67	33.66	9.03	27.65
Catholic	7.44	35.48	45.01	6.28	5.79	16.36	42.86	15.78	8.98	16.02	33.70	28.79	8.95	28.57
Other private	2.99	37.84	37.40	9.61	12.16	16.47	40.67	13.77	13.32	15.77	35.08	21.91	15.59	27.42
High school region														
East	3.06	29.27	52.31	7.72	7.64	11.57	49.00	18.36	9.03	12.05	31.26	28.88	14.02	25.84
North	4.58	41.36	42.51	8.18	3.37	12.16	44.99	21.18	10.15	11.51	31.38	32.06	8.88	27.68
South	6.19	41.44	40.02	8.86	3.50	12.06	49.35	16.47	8.73	13.40	28.08	37.11	7.68	27.12
West	4.32	37.09	45.98	8.44	4.16	21.58	47.79	12.55	9.19	8.89	32.07	29.63	5.56	32.74

Table 5. -- Percent of 1982 high school graduates stopping out, dropping out, and attending continuously through various outcomes, by type of institution and selected student characteristics--continued

	<2-yr school: % stopout	<2-yr school: % dropout	<2-yr school: % cont & recvd degree	<2-yr school: % cont & still in schl	<2-yr school: % cont & trans w/o deg	2-year school: % stopout	2-year school: % dropout	2-year school: % cont & recvd degree	2-year school: % cont & still in schl	2-year school: % cont & trans w/o deg	4-year school: % stopout	4-year school: % dropout	4-year school: % cont & recvd degree	4-year school: % cont & still in schl
High school urbanicity														
Urban	7.85	45.76	34.08	6.58	5.74	19.05	48.29	15.31	7.46	9.90	29.61	39.18	7.88	23.33
Suburb	3.99	41.23	42.53	8.34	3.91	14.75	47.56	14.29	10.69	12.70	31.49	29.31	9.79	29.41
Rural	3.69	29.93	52.75	9.44	4.19	10.99	47.84	23.78	7.48	9.90	29.13	33.33	9.85	27.69

Source: High School & Beyond 1986

Table 6. -- Percent of 1982 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics

	Immed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 4-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % dropout
TOTAL	4.43	34.67	4.98	41.15	15.72	42.60	13.06	54.43	35.20	30.62	16.43	37.53
Sex												
Male	3.05	33.63	5.08	41.18	16.56	41.54	12.17	50.36	34.86	28.71	17.47	37.41
Female	5.34	35.36	4.91	41.13	15.13	43.36	13.79	57.73	35.50	32.34	15.37	37.67
Race / ethnicity												
Hispanic	6.49	34.29	9.83	44.27	27.67	41.35	10.51	50.73	25.47	44.92	13.51	50.16
American Indian	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	22.19	53.60	12.79	58.13	37.93	35.37	6.54	63.35
Asian	Low-N	Low-N	5.45	36.99	24.30	37.20	25.84	59.49	37.72	19.57	10.95	42.05
Black	11.02	41.22	3.18	55.72	11.99	54.39	9.65	69.40	36.22	39.94	17.06	46.59
White	2.88	33.61	4.97	36.21	14.74	41.40	13.31	51.66	35.49	29.14	16.72	34.67
Hispanic subgroup												
Mexican	5.44	36.50	14.13	36.12	32.50	40.47	9.91	50.55	19.10	49.06	10.28	56.64
Cuban	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	22.49	35.44	10.79	62.41	21.10	53.88	3.61	34.89
Puerto Rican	Low-N	Low-N	0.00	72.13	19.26	64.28	1.08	56.71	34.52	28.12	20.82	44.24
Other Hispanic	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	25.20	38.75	15.34	46.58	34.39	42.12	20.31	44.13
Ability quartile												
Lower 25%	5.50	30.67	2.73	60.07	16.72	61.34	11.87	53.99	27.49	55.99	9.87	62.30
Middle 50%	4.54	37.75	5.94	36.32	16.04	41.55	13.90	54.57	34.30	38.77	16.64	38.89
Upper 25%	2.52	27.26	2.75	36.31	14.84	33.48	11.94	54.08	36.44	23.77	16.41	30.41

Table 6. -- Percent of 1982 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 4-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % dropout
High school grades												
A	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	Low-M	5.51	15.49	7.95	72.96	34.37	19.53	9.64	27.99
A-B	0.64	44.51	1.76	30.96	11.81	29.10	14.25	51.28	33.71	24.87	14.73	31.79
B	4.70	29.53	2.85	30.20	15.90	39.79	10.77	55.25	35.29	30.86	20.14	32.45
B-C	5.36	37.34	4.46	48.20	16.28	44.00	15.46	53.95	36.52	36.12	16.89	37.50
C	4.00	37.16	5.15	42.94	19.13	55.40	12.43	55.06	36.62	45.01	12.44	51.18
C-D	5.50	20.12	9.75	49.52	14.93	60.91	13.00	50.22	38.47	56.17	14.02	53.07
High school grades (recoded)												
Mostly A	1.72	39.83	4.57	29.37	10.75	26.83	13.24	54.76	33.91	23.28	13.60	30.95
Mostly B	5.08	34.02	3.83	41.14	16.10	42.03	13.30	54.55	35.80	33.05	18.44	35.09
Mostly C	4.00	37.16	5.15	42.94	19.13	55.40	12.43	55.06	36.62	45.01	12.44	51.18
Less than C	5.50	20.12	11.82	49.84	14.71	61.39	12.95	50.71	39.09	51.95	15.44	52.77
High school program												
General	1.10	31.16	4.38	45.54	18.99	46.73	11.69	47.94	31.97	40.49	16.52	47.69
Academic	6.70	35.97	6.10	37.22	15.37	33.80	14.04	56.90	36.87	27.05	17.23	30.03
Vocational / technical	4.27	35.64	4.26	40.68	12.71	58.89	12.16	55.92	23.88	51.16	12.64	49.84
Handicap status												
Handicapped	7.28	31.39	2.97	37.71	14.48	49.37	8.21	59.13	32.02	34.13	19.25	39.30
Not handicapped	3.32	35.96	5.80	42.30	16.28	39.97	14.74	52.42	36.22	29.53	15.36	36.76
PSE plans												
No PSE plans	3.20	56.23	6.36	35.46	10.17	70.67	10.08	56.96	6.54	74.20	7.30	62.81
Vocational / technical	3.91	32.05	5.92	46.42	14.64	56.36	10.27	48.49	33.67	53.98	11.73	59.92
Less than 4 yrs coll	4.41	30.18	2.19	38.80	11.97	47.73	13.32	52.20	30.37	47.51	14.50	46.69
BA/BS	4.70	41.43	5.15	37.09	21.20	33.33	16.68	57.42	33.81	32.48	17.18	29.02
Advanced degree	10.56	30.51	7.10	39.61	16.72	29.37	12.34	54.91	38.89	21.87	20.88	25.16

Table 6. -- Percent of 1982 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry <2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 2-yr: % dropout	Immed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Immed entry 4-yr: % dropout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % stopout	Delayed entry 4-yr: % dropout
PSE plans (recoded)												
No PSE plans	3.20	56.23	6.36	35.46	10.17	70.67	10.08	56.96	6.54	74.20	7.30	62.81
Voc / tech or 2 yr coll	4.06	31.49	4.34	43.19	12.68	50.02	12.01	50.61	30.78	48.31	13.65	50.75
4 yr coll / adv degree	6.85	37.42	5.80	37.93	19.50	31.83	14.78	56.32	36.27	27.35	18.80	27.33
SES quartile												
Lower 25%	6.40	37.28	3.25	41.82	13.48	54.12	11.76	58.23	25.96	49.53	11.95	59.45
Middle 50%	3.96	33.56	5.66	43.83	15.41	43.61	12.42	55.07	31.91	34.43	16.89	35.81
Upper 25%	3.02	34.15	5.04	27.82	17.40	34.89	15.21	49.71	39.79	23.88	17.23	31.11
Parents' highest education												
Less than high sch	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
High school only	1.03	28.92	2.38	50.38	12.99	61.08	14.78	61.31	25.71	53.01	11.17	60.43
Less than 2 yrs voc	4.52	38.48	5.29	41.23	15.64	52.26	8.68	58.34	30.97	37.50	15.80	45.48
More than 2 yrs voc	3.81	33.74	8.15	31.63	9.70	41.67	12.74	64.78	26.69	36.12	13.15	33.70
Less than 2 yrs coll	0.64	37.75	4.14	46.38	9.82	44.75	12.46	51.69	37.58	37.11	9.88	41.22
2-4 yrs college	9.00	16.74	1.35	33.73	16.24	39.80	14.05	53.85	30.12	35.42	16.25	37.98
4-5 yrs college	9.37	23.81	8.51	42.34	18.95	38.21	18.11	46.85	31.61	33.48	22.34	28.53
MA or MS	10.17	41.48	6.83	31.47	16.17	34.36	16.00	49.33	40.25	27.09	19.52	29.34
PHD or MD	0.00	18.81	1.47	31.59	17.03	28.99	13.65	54.94	40.99	21.05	16.92	30.23
Parents' highest education (recoded)												
Less than high sch	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N	Low-N
High school only	1.03	28.92	2.38	50.38	12.99	61.08	14.78	61.31	25.71	53.01	11.17	60.43
Less than 2 yrs voc	4.31	35.14	4.70	40.27	14.34	47.59	10.70	57.15	31.40	36.75	14.54	42.02
More than 2 yrs voc	8.01	30.81	6.45	35.36	17.26	34.13	15.87	50.39	38.74	26.23	19.61	29.36

Table 6. -- Percent of 1982 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %
	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout
Family income in 1980												
Less than \$8,000	12.67	46.93	12.99	39.02	25.03	46.05	17.29	63.33	26.99	48.49	20.00	38.25
\$8,000-\$14,999	6.54	34.30	2.43	47.32	13.82	46.91	10.38	59.33	35.33	37.99	16.03	45.91
\$15,000-\$19,999	4.61	39.08	4.82	26.80	16.48	46.47	16.52	56.85	30.26	32.06	19.92	40.62
\$20,000-\$24,999	2.15	29.14	5.77	44.62	16.14	40.55	5.78	61.27	36.70	33.96	13.19	41.36
\$25,000-\$29,999	1.32	36.85	3.54	41.32	12.54	43.44	8.65	54.88	31.23	31.50	13.54	37.37
\$30,000-\$39,999	6.41	33.17	8.31	38.77	10.58	42.64	20.27	44.91	36.79	26.27	18.68	31.68
\$40,000-\$49,999	0.00	61.02	4.44	35.37	22.00	38.55	11.70	51.57	38.02	26.13	13.22	35.45
\$50,000 or more	2.06	34.77	3.89	44.30	19.44	34.01	23.77	47.76	39.52	25.46	25.16	32.71
Family income in 1980 (recoded)												
Less than \$15,000	8.20	37.73	5.48	44.92	16.27	46.72	12.15	60.35	33.18	40.69	17.05	43.96
\$15,000-\$24,999	3.34	33.94	5.35	36.75	16.31	43.48	11.03	59.11	33.62	33.06	16.17	41.03
\$25,000-\$39,999	4.25	34.73	6.28	39.85	11.43	42.99	15.28	49.20	34.35	28.56	16.40	34.20
\$40,000 or more	0.86	50.00	4.15	40.16	20.68	36.21	18.43	49.44	38.93	25.72	19.92	33.91
Family size												
1 to 3	6.38	37.43	0.35	40.02	20.47	47.29	14.22	52.98	35.09	35.81	16.79	41.59
Four	0.05	38.69	7.80	36.29	12.99	39.19	13.99	52.40	34.90	30.31	13.08	34.75
Five	4.88	23.91	5.97	42.99	15.33	41.41	15.55	53.24	34.84	27.95	21.31	33.21
Six	2.63	45.57	4.79	47.46	17.11	41.94	14.35	56.86	35.66	31.24	10.63	37.28
Seven	7.42	40.31	5.06	40.23	20.77	44.41	8.15	59.54	38.11	33.12	17.54	42.56
8 to 9	7.88	27.38	1.95	43.21	13.18	46.40	8.48	53.47	34.76	29.11	19.75	43.27
Home language English												
No	6.56	18.36	13.15	26.39	26.84	38.66	17.87	46.42	28.59	41.91	11.73	44.00
Yes	4.73	34.68	4.78	37.95	15.01	42.26	12.42	54.70	35.13	30.12	15.65	38.25

Table 6. -- Percent of 1982 high school graduates stopping out of or dropping out of postsecondary education, by time of entry, type of institution, and selected student characteristics--continued

	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Delayed entry <2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Delayed entry 2-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Immed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %	Delayed entry 4-yr: %
	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout	stopout	dropout
High school type												
Public	4.35	34.27	4.85	41.79	15.46	43.54	12.93	54.60	34.42	31.62	16.31	39.40
Catholic	7.15	37.11	7.71	33.97	16.78	35.97	15.78	52.12	37.61	27.87	18.56	32.32
Other private	Low-M	Low-M	4.12	35.50	Low-M	Low-M	8.73	55.67	40.20	23.54	14.48	15.33
High school region												
East	1.44	23.04	4.46	34.66	8.48	47.12	15.19	51.21	36.02	26.71	13.51	36.98
North	2.88	37.97	6.06	44.32	14.29	40.15	9.83	50.27	34.79	31.03	20.03	35.50
South	7.25	41.20	5.32	41.64	11.80	41.02	12.42	60.89	33.63	34.76	13.89	43.12
West	7.24	27.68	2.81	41.97	25.52	43.45	15.70	54.27	37.79	29.07	19.40	30.86
High school urbanicity												
Urban	4.74	46.96	10.22	44.84	19.62	44.96	18.47	51.72	35.21	37.54	15.31	43.37
Suburb	6.09	30.26	2.64	48.28	16.83	42.07	11.83	55.28	35.69	27.86	18.04	33.96
Rural	2.73	32.26	4.71	27.46	10.74	42.30	11.31	54.82	34.22	31.26	14.49	39.27

Source: High School & Beyond 1986

Selected Standard Errors

The following table displays the location of a few key statistics and their standard errors.

Table	Column	Subgroup	Estimate	Standard Error
1	2	Total	41.98	2.056
1	7	Total	33.14	1.392
1	12	Total	22.50	.936
5	1	Total	4.74	.673
5	6	Total	14.56	.807
5	11	Total	30.47	.889
3	7	SEX/Male	45.99	2.047
3	1	SEX/Female	45.52	1.721
4	1	Total	8.54	2.189
4	1	RACE/Black	8.66	5.658
6	1	RACE/Hispanic	6.49	4.028

Technical Notes and Methodology

Five types of enrollment patterns are shown in the columns of the respective tables: stopping out, dropping out, continuous enrollment till degree, continuous enrollment till transfer, and continuous enrollment that was still continuing at the time of the survey. Each of these patterns is institution-specific, describing what a student did at a particular type of school : 4-year, 2-year, or less-than-2-year. These patterns are described in detail below.

Stopping out (Stopout - See Columns 1, 6, and 11 of Tables 1, 3, and 5) is defined as enrolling in a particular type of institution, leaving for a time without enrolling in another institution of the same type, and returning later to enroll in that type of institution. In these tables, students classified as stopouts may or may not have attained degrees after returning to school. This pattern of enrolling, leaving, and returning does not take into account immediate changes between schools of the same type; a student who enrolls in a 4-year school, transfers to another 4-year school, and returns to the first school, all without any break in enrollment, is not considered a stopout in this tabulation.

Dropping out, (Dropout - See Columns 2, 7, and 12 of Tables 1, 3, and 5), is defined as enrolling in a type of school and leaving it without receiving a degree. Thus any student who enrolled in a 4-year school and was out of school by 1986 without having received a B.A. or B.S. degree would be shown as a dropout from a 4-year school. (This student might show up as a degree recipient from another type of school if he or she received a vocational certificate or A.A. degree from another type of school.) Dropouts are distinguished from stopouts because they did not return to the named type of school for later enrollment.

Continuously enrolled degree recipients (Cont & Recvd Degree - See Columns 3, 8, and 13 of Tables 1, 3, and 5) included those students who, through continuous enrollment, received the degree or certificate appropriate to the type of institution they entered or who, after transferring to a 4-year institution from another type of institution, received a B.A. or B.S. degree. However, students who "stopped out" but later received degrees are not classified as degree recipients in these tables. Instead, these students are classified as stopouts.

Continuously enrolled students still in school (Cont & Still in Schl - See Columns 4, 9, and 14 of Tables 1, 3, and 5) are those students who were continuously enrolled in the type of institution they first entered, were still enrolled in February 1986, and did not qualify as degree recipients for the type of school described.

These four categories-stopout, dropout, continuous until degree, and continuous but still in school- are mutually exclusive, so the percentage of students from 4-year institutions in each category sum to 100%.

There is an additional category for 2-year and less than 2-year institutions in these tables. Students who enrolled in non-4-year institutions and left without degrees, but later enrolled in 4-year institutions, are classified as continuous enrollees who transferred without a degree (Cont & Trans w/o Deg - See Columns 5 and 10 of Tables 1, 3, and 5.) These students are shown separately. However, those who stopped out and returned to less than 4-year schools and subsequently transferred to 4-year schools are not counted as transfers.

For non-4-year institutions, the five categories-stopout, dropout, continuous until degree, continuous but still in school, and transferred without degree - are mutually exclusive and percentages for these five sum to 100% for students in 2-year and less-than-2-year institutions.

In Tables 1, 3, and 5, the numerator of each percent consists of the students who showed that enrollment pattern, while the denominator consists of the students who ever enrolled in that type of institution. For example, Table 1 shows that 13.16 percent of the 1972 seniors who graduated in 1972 and had enrolled in a less-than-2-year institution by the 1985-86 academic year had stopped out (left and returned) by February 1986 (Column 1), while 32.22 percent of those who had enrolled in a 2-year institution had stopped out (Column 5).

In Tables 2, 4, and 6 the columns show the proportion of students stopping out and dropping out separately for immediate and delayed entrants to these types of institutions. (Students with the other enrollment patterns are not shown in these tables.) Columns 1 through 4 of Table 2 show that 10.81 percent of the immediate entrants to less-than-2-year institutions stopped out and 32.16 percent of the immediate entrants dropped out, while for delayed entrants at those institutions the rates were 14.27 percent stopping out and 46.62 percent dropping out. Columns 5 through 8 show the same information for students in 2-year institutions, while Columns 9 through 12 show this information for students in 4-year institutions. In these tables the denominator for the percentage consists of the students enrolling by a particular time at a particular type of school, while the numerator consists of the proportion of these who stopped out (odd-numbered columns) or dropped out (even-numbered columns).

Since these enrollment patterns are institution-specific and a student may enroll in more than one type of institution, it is possible for the same student to be included in more than one column in a particular table. For example, a student who received a vocational certificate or A. A. degree from a 2-year institution and later attained a B.A. degree from a 4-year institution will count as having received a degree from both types of institutions, contributing to the numerator of both column 3 and column 13 of the table. Students who enrolled in more than one type of postsecondary institution are always represented in the denominator for columns pertaining both types of institutions.

Row variables were selected from the standard set of classification variables included in the data files. Categories were collapsed for some variables to maximize comparability of categories across data sets. Some row variables were repeated with the

number of categories reduced. These instances have been noted with the term (recoded) after the variable name.

All estimates for HS&B samples were calculated using FU3WT, restricting the analysis to those students who participated in the Third Follow-up Survey. All estimates for NLS-72 samples were calculated using FU5WT, restricting the analysis to those students who participated in the Fifth Follow-up Survey.

High School and Beyond and NLS samples, while representative and statistically accurate, are not simple random samples. Students were initially selected within high schools grouped within strata. Sampling rates for schools within different strata varied, resulting in better data for policy purposes, but at a cost to statistical efficiency. Hence, simple random techniques for the estimation of standard errors frequently underestimate the true standard errors for some estimates. To overcome this problem, standard errors for all estimates in this tabulation were calculated using Taylor residual techniques. All estimates, standard errors, unweighted n's and weighted n's are available from the Longitudinal Studies Branch in comma separated form for use with all major spreadsheet software and micro computers.

To compare estimates for separate subgroups, or to understand the quality of the estimates, standard errors are needed. This tabulation presents thousands of estimates, and each estimate has an associated standard error. The standard errors vary in size as a function of sample size and the sample design. Hence, the standard errors of the estimates for some small groups (e.g. Cubans, Puerto Ricans, students who earned D_{FS} in high school, students with parents who did not attain high school diplomas) may be so large that the estimates should not be used. (While the estimates based on 19 or fewer cases were suppressed, the computer automatically produced estimates for subgroups with 20 or more cases. Rather than manually identify the poor estimates and remove them, users will be provided with estimates and standard errors upon request.) For more information or to obtain standard errors, contact Carl M. Schmitt, National Center for Education Statistics, Longitudinal Studies Branch, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20208-5652 (phone 202 356-6772).

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